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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by McNiff et al (US 6,560,216).
2. In regards to claim 1, McNiff discloses an apparatus (mobile computing device 104-109) comprising: an inactivity monitor (screen saver) configured to determine the inactivity of an application interface; a telephone interface configured to connect the apparatus to a network and configured to receive calls from the network (col. 6 lines 23-48 and col. 8-9 lines 66-13); a call interface coupled to the inactivity monitor and the telephone interface, configured to deregister the telephone interface from receiving calls when the inactivity monitor determines that the application interface is inactive (col. 6 lines 13-17).
3. In regards to claims 2, 7, 9, 13, 15, 19, and 21, McNiff discloses the apparatus and method, wherein the received calls are automatically forwarded when the call

interface deregisters the telephone interface from receiving calls (col. 7 lines 21-29 and col. 11-12 lines 59-12).

4. in regards to claims 3, 10, 16, and 22, McNiff discloses the apparatus and method, wherein the calls the received calls are automatically forwarded to another device (col. 7 lines 21-29).

5. In regards to claims 4, 11, 17, and 23, McNiff discloses the apparatus and method, further comprising: a voice mail manager, coupled to the call interface, the received calls being optionally automatically forwarded to the voice mail manager (col. 7 lines 21-26 and col. 11-12 lines 59-12).

6. In regards to claims 5, 12, 18, and 24, McNiff discloses the apparatus and method, wherein the deregistration occurs through the Session Initiation Protocol (deregistration message to the service node) (col. 6 lines 2-17).

7. In regards to claims 6, 8, 14, and 20, McNiff discloses the apparatus and method, wherein the inactivity monitor is a screen saver (col. 6 lines 13-17).

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Liffick (US 6,430,289) teaches a system and method for computerized status monitor and use in a telephone network.

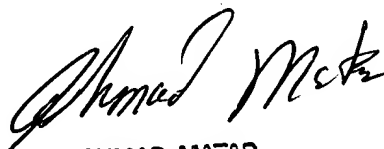
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

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10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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